

Solid Waste Professionals Honored at Statewide Conference

A select group of Kansans was recently recognized for their efforts to improve solid waste management in the State at the 2004 WORKS! Conference on recycling, composting and household hazardous waste management held in Lindsborg. Wes Adell of **McPherson**, Chiquita Cornelius of **Topeka**, Charlie Sedlock of **Lawrence** and Kent Seyfried of **Olathe** were the first inductees to the new **Kansas Solid Waste Management Hall of Fame**.

The Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), was established to recognize those individuals who have demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of years in waste management. Each inductee has worked to create clear improvements in the management of waste materials, both in their communities and statewide. KDHE Secretary Roderick L. Bremby presented the awards March 24 at the WORKS Conference.

Environmental Consultant Wes Adell was recognized for his pioneering work in establishing a model community-composting program in Lindsborg and in helping to plan, promote and coordinate the first WORKS! Conference in Lindsborg as well as subsequent conferences.

Chiquita Cornelius, Executive Director of the Kansas Business and Industry Recycling Program was honored for her 24 years of professional efforts to increase Kansas recycling programs from 43 single material centers in 1983 to the current 1,400 multi-material recycling programs.

Landfill Division Manager Charlie Sedlock of N.R. Hamm Quarries Inc. was honored for his efforts to design and operate one of the State's first modern municipal solid waste landfills and provide education and training to college students and waste facility operators across the State.

Kent Seyfried, Solid Waste Manager for the City of Olathe, was recognized for his work in public/private cooperation in waste collection, transfer and disposal and in establishing an innovative, city-operated, curbside-recycling program.

For additional information, or to make a Hall of Fame nomination for 2005, please go to: www.kdhe.state.ks.us/waste/works/Hall_of_Fame/nominations.pdf or call (785) 296-1600.